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THE MOUNTAIN'S LESSON

BY D. D. REES.

Serene, majestic, dignified, sublime,

Yon mountain peak stands sentry o'er the plain.

Above the valley's dust and city's grime,

Unsullied, high it holds its lordly reign.

And if the black clouds shroud its titan form,

And fearful thunders quake and mad winds blow,

'Tis but a moment till the angry storm

Gives way, and lo! the mount, new clad with snow!

O soul of mine, wouldst thou in life prevail?

Take then the mountain's lesson home, and stand
A watcher, loyal, true; and when assail

The storms of life, unswerve with firm command,

And come thou boldly forth, whate'er betide,

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MOUNT BAKER

BY ALICE JORGENS

MOUNT BAKER is ever ready with new and delightful scenes that elevate and fill us with inspiration.

It was early morning. The mountains seemed to stand as a wall before me and stretched out over the country in many odd and peculiar shapes. They were dark,---almost a deep black, for the sun had not risen. Streams of brilliant color touched the gray clouds and tinted the sleeping valley with rosy hues. Not a tree could be distinguished, but all was a rolling mass of black. The white-robed mountain was as a sentinel, silent and still. Now the birds began to twitter their cheery songs far into the dewy atmosphere and each flower unfolded her petals into the sunshine.

In the winter the snow lay thick and dazzling on the trees. They bent low with their wonderful covering, so cold and fluffy, yet beautifully composed of so many sparkling crystals. The sun's faint rays touched the icy mountain with rainbows of color.

In the evening the snow-covered hills glowed in delicate pink and lavender, while Mount Baker stood forth in gold, crimson, and blue. The very sky seemed to

be dipped in a warm rose color and the fleecy clouds were edged in bright gold.

In a few moments the scene changed. The hills became a deep blue and the bright colors faded and disappeared. Soon the shades of night had fallen; all was dark and the silvery moon rose over the hills.

“Silently one by one,
In the infinite meadows of heaven,
Blossomed the lovely stars,
The for-get-me-nots of the Angels.”



CHARACTER AND REPUTATION

THESE are two common words in the English language which should be very intimate friends; yet at times, they are perfect strangers. They are terms, which, in their true meaning, differ greatly; yet by many they are often confused.

The term character refers to the man himself. It applies to his characteristics, to his peculiarities; and, in general, to his spiritual and moral being. It is, in fact, that which makes man what he is. It is this, which, when approached by the deceiver, causes him to resist temptation; or, on the other hand, it is because of its lack, that, under like circumstances he wavers, and eventually falls into the snares of the wicked one.

One has aptly said that “Man is three: what he thinks he is, what his friends think him to be, and what God knows him to be.” What God knows him to be is

character. "Character is the entity, the individuality of the person, shining from every window of the soul."

On the other hand, reputation deals only with one's name, regardless of the man himself. To be sure, the two often go hand in hand, but this is not always true. One may, as is often the case, obtain a good name for himself, when in reality he is deficient in moral character. Your reputation is what you are tho't to be, but your character is what you are.

Therefore, let us not seek for reputation, which to-day is and to-morrow is not; but let us strive for a true and noble character that will lead us safely to the other shore and continue thruout eternity.

E. F. D.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

BY S. L. FROST

WE deem it important that our students possess cultivated minds, that they possess the power to think, and to enjoy the thots of others; accordingly on Saturday evenings our students and teachers congregate in East Hall for association together in literary work. At this time musical selections are rendered, informal debates are carried on, pieces are recited, impromptu speeches are given, and drills in parliamentary procedure are maintained.

The motive that will lead to the constant development of the mind and the accumulation of the right

knowledge will displace nothing of good, but many of life's evils. It will destroy idleness, it will pluck the charm from vice, it will quench the thirst for riches. It will refine and enoble the life, and will lead to the contemplation of the knowledge that is from above. Rightly conducted our literary societies may be the means of doing all this for the student, and thus help to prepare them to be better citizens and Christians.



SUCCESS

SUCCESS is not to be gained in a single day, nor in a single year; the qualities which constitute success are to be gained only in a lifetime. Time is required to expose the gems of priceless value which may be hidden beneath the surface, but which will, at the proper time, be displayed in all their brilliancy to dazzle the eyes of the beholder and to arouse the ambition of the indifferent one, who thru the reverses of fortune, has been led to look upon life with a feeling of irony and to think that his trials and adversities are incompatible with his existence.

A. H. L.



Step on your own toes once in a while; it may hurt, but it will do you good.---L. C. W.

EVIDENCES OF AN EDUCATION

BY LESTER STECK '14

WHAT is an education? The popular idea is having finished and passed a creditable examination on a certain amount of book work. But an education should have a broader meaning than this. Here is a better definition: "Education is the harmonious development of the mental, physical and spiritual faculties."

A mentally educated person has a good command of the language, a proper knowledge of history and the ability to compare the facts of the same with the situation of the present. When you meet a person who has a good mental education he can reason on abstract subjects and has a great desire to talk about such things, rather than the defects of his neighbors.

• When a person is physically educated he uses only the proper food and a reasonable amount of it; he dresses as the climate and season call for. His sleeping hours are regular and of the right number.

A spiritual education will cause one to be courteous to all, and considerate to those who are dependent upon him, and not to those only, but also to those whom he meets in every day life. In other words, he is a neighbor to every one, both stranger and friend.



Never attempt to do a thing without the determination to do it in a creditable manner.---A. H. L.

THE Y. P. M. V. S.

BY RUTH LA PORTE '14

IT is very important that among a company of young people, gaining an education for efficient service for the Master, a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society be organized in order that the youth may be trained for work and make spiritual advancement which will fit them for the responsibilities in this Message.

In a mass meeting, held at the first of the school year in the Chapel, a committee was appointed to frame a constitution for such a society. They were requested to consider the "General Conference Plans," adjusting these to fit our local conditions as near as possible.

This same committee nominated officers who, in accordance with the constitution, were to hold office for three months. They were as follows: Leader, Ruth LaPorte; Assistant Leader, Edward Degering; Secretary and Treasurer, Jesse Degering; Assistant, Marion Heywood.

Realizing that active work is the main requisite of a successful society, three bands have been organized and a leader appointed over each. These bands are the "Christian Help Band," "Mailing Band," and Distributing Literature Band." Each leader has a secretary who gives a weekly report of the work done by that band to the secretary of the society.

The willingness of the members to perform the parts assigned to them and the active work of the bands is making this years work a success.

WE WILL MAKE ROOM

BY D. D. REES

EVEN the "room" which is usually reserved for "one more" has its limitations, and it seems that this limit has been reached in the boys' dormitory at the Academy. Every room is full---perhaps, in the case of some of the little single rooms where two boys are crowded in we should use the comparative degree, and in a larger room where three boys are "stored," the superlative degree would not be out of place. Besides all this, the Principal had to move out of his office to make room for two bright aspiring young men; so now, where were wont to be the open desk, the row of chairs and the "green carpet," is heard the merry laugh and noisy shuffle of careless youth.

Now we are wondering what we are going to do with our new after-Christmas students, and in this there is one ray of hope---we still have a little room left in the girls' dormitory, so we are hoping that the rest of the boys will be girls. However, if conditions should be otherwise, we have a plan by which we expect to take care of all new comers anyway. But there is one request we should like to make---all new prospective students should notify the Academy at once, stating when they expect to come to the school.

Let none stay away because we are crowded. There never was a better time to attend Forest Home Academy than now.

BIOGRAPHY OF PROFESSOR S. L. FROST

PROFESSOR SAMUEL L. FROST was born on Christmas Day in 1884. He had the advantage of being raised on a large farm which was located at Yorktown Heights, about forty miles from New York City, New York.

His boyhood days, or at least some of them, were spent at school. At the age of thirteen he had concluded nine grades of school work, and after recuperating his energies by a two years' rest, he again plunged into scholastic life and showed his remarkable brilliancy by obtaining in six months half the required number of points to entitle him for a graduation from the high school which he attended.

It was his intention to become a pharmacist. Accordingly he went to Peekskill, New York, where he engaged in the study and practice of the pharmaceutical profession.

At this time he had a cousin who was an instructor at Mt. Vernon College, Ohio, and by his persuasion he was induced to relinquish his intentions of becoming an apothecary, and go to this college, which he attended for five consecutive years, canvassing during one vacation. At the end of this time he graduated as president of his class and obtained his B. S. degree.

Soon after this he was offered a position at Walla Walla College, as the assistant instructor in science, which he accepted. The following year he held the same position with the additional responsibility of preceptor.

It was while instructing at Walla Walla College that he formed an attachment to Miss Ella Knokey who was a music teacher there at that time. This attachment afterward resulted in marriage.

In the summer following his second year as instructor at Walla Walla College, Professor Frost attended an educational convention held at Berrien Springs, Michigan, and at the same time he made a tour of the country. In the course of extensive travels he visited practically all the leading cities of the United States.

In 1910 Professor Frost was given the charge of Ames Academy, which was located at Eagle, Idaho. When this institution burned down it was his intention to return East, but according to the importunities of Professor D. D. Rees he came out to Mt. Vernon, Washington, in the spring of 1912. The ensuing fall he became preceptor and head of the science department of Forest Home Academy, which position he holds at the present time.

A. H. L.



Ambition rules the world; yet how few there are who realize this fact, how few who rise above the common walks of life, how few who seek to be of real value to their fellow men. It seems that the world has not yet recovered from the scare it received in the age when ambitious men were killed. But remember that age is far in the past, and the open field lies before you.

E. F. D.

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The first number of the lecture course was a success. If the remaining numbers are as good, which we believe they will be, a large addition to the library is assured. A large library of good reference books will be of great value to the Academy, and will be appreciated by all.

A new school building seems to be an assured addition, for which we are grateful. No school can grow unless it is given room.

We have no complimentary list. If you should receive a copy of THE FORESTONIAN, remember it is an invitation to subscribe.

NEWS NOTES

School was dismissed November 28 and 29. All spent an enjoyable and much needed vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Giddings, from California, recently spent a few days in the community visiting with friends and relatives.

We are looking forward with interest to the week of prayer. We learn that Elder Huntley, of Seattle, will be with us at that time.

Professor Rees made a business trip to Seattle a few days ago. He brought back with him the revised plans of the new Academy building.

If you like THE FORESTONIAN show your copy to a friend---nine copies cost only fifty cents.

Miss Virginia Rees spent Thanksgiving vacation with Miss Pauline Caywood in Seattle.

Professor E. N. Sargeant is doing ministerial work in the Upper Columbia Conference. His home is in North Yakima.

If you ought to be in school, why not go to Forest Home Academy. Write to Professor D. D. Rees about it. Perhaps he can help you.

A private telephone line has been installed between the Principal's home and the Preceptor's rooms; we may add that this will, no doubt, often facilitate matters.

Mr. Wolfkill is now adding the finishing touches to a six-room cottage on his place about a quarter of a mile east of the Academy.

Canvassing bands were recently organized in the school, and, judging from the size of the bands, Forest Home will be well represented in the field next summer. Thirty-five are enrolled in the bands. Professor Frost teaches the Controversy class, Miss Pound, the Heralds class, while Professor Rees has the general oversight of the work and conducts a general program for both classes once a month.

Thanksgiving evening the village students gathered at the Hollenbeck home to spend the evening, while the Home students spent the evening playing games in the dining hall.

Miss Pauline Caywood of Seattle and Miss Reginia Kearn of English, spent their Thanksgiving vacation at home.

Mr. Harold Cornell, who was called home by the serious illness of his uncle, has returned.

The next number of the lecture course will be a musical program, given the evening of December 21.

On the evening of November 27, the village students were entertained by the Home students. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The recital given by the music students of the Academy, Sunday evening, Nov. 10, was well attended and enjoyed by all. The parts rendered showed much preparation on the part of both students and teacher.

Thursday, Nov. 12, several Conference workers spent the day at the Academy, laying plans for the erection of a new chapel and school building, which we trust will materialize in the near future. It is planned that the building shall be a two story structure 38 x 56, having four recitation rooms and a laboratory on the first floor while the second story will be equipped for a chapel.

The chapel talks and services recently given by Elder Boynton and Professor Searns have been greatly appreciated by the students and patrons.

The first number of the Lecture Course was given in the Chapel, Saturday evening, November 23. Many interesting pictures were shown of the beauties of the Yellowstone National Park. A large number were present and all seemed well repaid for attending.

Mt. Vernon is fast becoming one of the most prosperous cities in the Northwest. In a short time the pavement of all the principle streets of the city will be completed. The Great Northern Railroad has under construction one of the neatest depots north of Seattle.

Mr. Allen Thompson, who is working in the interests of the Ministry of Healing Campaign, visited the school for a short time Nov. 25.

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